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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1.-5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising: providing a cursor associated with the query.
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising: marshaling data between the runtime environment and the database management system.
- 9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising: running an application operation selected from a group of operations comprising functions, procedures, and triggers is directly in the database management system.
- 10.-15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the memory further comprises instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:

 provide a cursor for the query.
- 17. (Canceled)
- 18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the memory further comprises instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:
 - marshal data between the runtime environment and the database management system.

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19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the memory further comprises instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:

run an application operation selected from a group of operations comprising functions, procedures, and triggers encoded in the native query language directly in the database management system.

20.-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 43 further comprising instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:

provide a cursor on any type of query executed.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 43 further comprising instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:

marshal data between the runtime environment and the database management system.

29. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 43 further comprising instructions that upon execution cause the computer system to:

run an application operation selected from a group of operations comprising functions, procedures, and triggers encoded in the native query language directly in the database management system.

30. (Canceled)

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31. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

running, on a computer system, a database management system, the database management system configured to process queries generated in a native query language for the database management system;

running, on the computer system, a runtime environment configured to manage execution of intermediate language code;

establishing a connection to a client, the client associated with a set of database access privileges;

receiving, from [[a]] the client, a query that invokes intermediate language code; compiling by the runtime environment during [[the]] a runtime of the database management system, the intermediate language code into an expression encoded in the native query language;

generating a context object including information comprising the set of database access privileges, a connection context of the client, a command context of the client, a transaction context of the client, a pipe context of the client, and a trigger context of the client;

exposing the context object to the database management system through [[the]] <u>a</u> utilization of an in-process provider, wherein the in-process provider keeps track of data obtained from the database management system that is referenced from the runtime environment and prevents access of the database management data outside a runtime environment execution frame:

executing the expression encoded in the native query language based on the context object; and

storing information indicative of a result of the query in memory.

32.-35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the in-process provider supports more than one pending executing command for the connection to the client.

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37. (Currently amended) A system for executing application code in a database management system (DBMS), the system comprising:

a processor; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory including instructions stored therein that upon execution cause the processor to:

run a database management system, the database management system configured to process queries generated in a native query language;

run a runtime environment configured to [[mange]] <u>manage</u> execution of intermediate language code;

establishing a connection to a client, the client associated with a set of database access privileges;

receive a query that invokes intermediate language code from the client; compile by the runtime environment, the intermediate language code into an expression encoded in the native query language;

generate a context object including information comprising the set of database access privileges, a connection context of the client, a command context of the client, a transaction context of the client, a pipe context of the client, and a trigger context of the client;

expose the context object to the database management system through [[the]] <u>a</u> utilization of an in-process provider, wherein the in-process provider keeps track of data obtained from the database management system that is referenced from the runtime environment and prevents access of the database management data outside a runtime environment execution frame;

execute the expression encoded in the native query language based on the context object.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the context object further comprises:

a command with a state execution context;

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the transaction context of the client associated with a command;

a path through which requests and results may be sent or received between the client and the database management system; and

a forward-only cursor on top of statement execution results.

39.-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently amended) The system of claim 37, wherein the in-process provider supports for more than one pending executing command for [[a]] the connection [[of]] to the client.

43. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-readable instructions stored thereon that upon execution by a processor of a computer system cause the computer system to:

run a database management system, the database management system configured to process queries generated in a native query language;

run a runtime environment configured to [[mange]] <u>manage</u> execution of intermediate language code;

<u>establishing</u> <u>establish</u> a connection to a client, the client associated with a set of database access privileges;

receive a query that invokes intermediate language code from the client;

compile by the runtime environment, the intermediate language code into an expression encoded in the native query language;

generate a context object including the set of database access privileges, a connection context of a client, a command context of the client, a transaction context of the client, a pipe context of the client, and a trigger context of the client;

expose the context object to the database management system through [[the]] <u>a</u> utilization of an in-process provider, wherein the in-process provider keeps track of data obtained from the database management system that is referenced from the runtime environment and prevents access of the database management data outside a runtime environment execution frame; and

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execute the expression encoded in the native query language based on the context object.

44. (Previously presented) The computer-readable instructions of claim 43, wherein context object further comprises:

- a command with a state execution context;
- a transaction context associated with a command;
- a path through which requests and results may be sent or received between the client and the database management system;
 - a trigger context, wherein the trigger results from an operation of the client; and
 - a forward-only cursor on top of statement execution results.

45.-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 43, wherein the in-process provider supports more than one pending executing command for [[a]] the connection [[of]] to the client.